

## Notes to the Town

As we begin September, let's be aware of the increased road and pedestrian traffic as school goes back into session. Students are anxious to get back with friends and not always paying attention to vehicular traffic. All the community requires caution at this time of year.

Festivals are wrapping up the month of September too; Harvest Fest on Mill Street is Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004 from 11 am to 6 pm sponsored by LeRoy Business Council. At 2 pm there will be a remembrance and honor ceremony, farm market, Bocce Tournament, crafts (including glass blowing) booths, children's games and food. On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> there is a LCCP 5K Walk Run for the community. Local activities make LeRoy a nice community to live in.

Kudos to The Family Moose Center for hosting an appreciation dinner for the volunteers of emergency services for our community. Often individuals who give valuable hours are often unnoticed and unappreciated. Thanks to the Moose Family Center for their appreciation effort on behalf of our community. Local volunteers are a treasure to their community.

Ag-District news- Ag district #5 is undergoing review. Ag District #5 includes some land in LeRoy. Landowners of Ag-District #5 have been notified by mail of the upcoming Public Hearing to be held Thursday, September 30, 2004 at Meeting Room in Byron Town Hall at 7:00 PM. For more information please call County Planning at 344-2580 ext 5466.

More Kudos to LeRoy Youth Football Association leadership for their stance on community safety. The league policy is to have players meet their coaches at Hartwood Park and walk to their perspective practice fields and at the end, walk back to Hartwood Park to meet their parents. This action has dramatically reduced illegal parking issues on Summit Street Road. The Town Board is greatly appreciative of this action and would hope all youth recreational leagues follow this same model in the future. We are all working towards a safer community for our children.

After the more than generous rain this week, the road paving work performed by the Town and Village highway departments on Robbins Road is very much appreciated. Together the departments collaborated to achieve one completed paving project that serves both our municipalities. Our hats off the their leadership. Highway Superintendent Jerry Roth indicates Cole Road paving is complete; shoulder work is next on the agenda for the highway staff.

Transfer Station news: there is a reward for recycling available to residents of LeRoy. Reducing your debris by separating recyclables costs you less! Locally recycling has increased 3%. Here is our list of free recycling opportunities at LeRoy Transfer Station:

Paper: cardboard, flat, no staples

Newspaper, magazines, telephone books, put into paper bags  
Metal Cans: clean, lids too  
Plastics: only #1 and #2  
Glass: clean all colors  
Milk and Juice Containers (clean) are accepted  
Tree and yard debris up to 8" only

If you have question, please see the attendant, who will be pleased to help. Debris is accepted in 30-gallon bags for one punch on the Transfer Station Punch Card, available at Town Hall for \$15 or \$30. Please note there is no cash taken at the transfer station. Punch cards are required. The month of October we have the large roll-offs scheduled again for a final cleanup before winter. There are free wood chips for the taking too. No doubt we have enough opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle in LeRoy!

As the Town moves toward the budget cycle, we find the state budget could have a most negative impact by the recent ruling of traffic fines being taken by the state. The justices estimate a negative impact of \$80,000.00 to our budget. We are active in writing to our assemblyman and senator at the state level. To date our senator is co-sponsoring a bill that would remove the traffic fine language from the state budget, returning that income stream back to local municipalities. We hope there is enough support and will throughout the state legislature to make that happen.

The final assessment roll for 2004 is in place. There is significant proof that your homes are a great investment. Your return this past year is an 8% increase on the value of your home (equity). As the assessments increased an average of 8% on property valued on the 2003 roll as compared to the 2004 roll. New home builds, exemption removals, remodeling has added another 3.8% to our assessment roll. The goal of the assessment is to fairly divide a share of the tax levy. As property is added and changed assessment continually changes. Annual assessment looks to be the fairest tool to keep pace with those changes and improvements in a community.

The taxable value for the Town of LeRoy for the 2005 budget is \$273,301,407, which is a \$21,276,221 increase in assessed value from 2003 roll. This number also represents all pertinent exemptions allowed on property. It should be noted that Town, County, and School all allow the same exemptions. Library tax allows for all but star exemptions. Fire tax allows exemptions on publically owned property and religious owned property only, there fore the taxable assessment role for the fire tax is \$305,044,701.

Caution on rural roads needs to increase at this time of the year allowing for agricultural traffic. All slow moving farm equipment (25 mph or less) is required to display a triangular red sign outlined in orange. This sign serves as notice that the machinery cannot exceed 25 mph. Harvesters, trucks and tractors will be filling the roads please be aware and give appropriate space to avoid accidents.

Hunting Licenses are on sale at the Town Hall, Clerk's window. Please bring last year's license or diver's license to speed the process. Window hours are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Next rabies clinic is scheduled for October 21, 2004 in the afternoon at LeRoy DPW on North Street, LeRoy.

Water District News: WD #6 Route 19 (South) contractor Underground Technologies has addressed most all of the remaining issues on the yard reclamation. Given dry weather they hope to complete the last problem area next week. Then we can formally close out that district.

EXT. #1: (Selden, West Bergen, Randall) lawn, yard and road reclamation will be on track for the end of September as scheduled.

Tri-Town proposed district: (parts of Pavilion, Stafford, LeRoy) letters of interest are out to land owners in the Town LeRoy. Please respond with your answers to the questions asked. Please be aware this is investigational only. The formal vote on this project is sometime in the future. We feel it premature to stop investigation until we have enough information to assess the opportunities for grant dollars. So it is hopeful that the benefit area residents will feel the same way. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Stafford Town Hall at 7:00 pm. We will be prepared to share the responses we receive at that time.

Randall, Keeney: Proposed district will meet on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 7:00 PM at LeRoy Town Hall.

Your comments, and participation is always welcome at 768-6910 ext. 231.

Our regularly scheduled meetings are: September 23 and October 14<sup>th</sup>, join us as your time allows.

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